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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SEKIYA ET AL.

Examiner

Mark Halpern

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.

2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/10/04.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1) Claims 1-5, 7-9, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Taichi Kuroda (JP 7-292382)(copy of translated copy provided).

Claims 1-5 Taichi discloses a paper machine contamination preventive agent made of silicone oil as a main component, up to 65 %, (Abstract). The silicon oil compound are side-chain modified silicon oil and include, as for example, dimethyl polysiloxane oil, polyester modified silicone oil, amino-modified silicone oil ([0009] to [0013]). The compound is reactive. The viscosity of the silicone oil compound is less than 1000 cst at 25 °C (Abstract, [0008] and working examples 1-3).

Claims 7-9: Taichi discloses a paper machine contamination preventive agent made of silicone oil as a main component, up to 65 %, (Abstract). The silicon oil compound are side-chain modified silicon oil and include, as for example, dimethyl polysiloxane oil, polyester modified silicone oil, amino-modified silicone oil ([0009] to [0013]). Taichi discloses the application of said contamination preventive agent to the surface of a dryer or canvas ([0008], [0017], [0018], as shown in Figure 1).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2) Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taichi in view of Nguyen (5,885,419). Taichi discloses a paper machine contamination preventive agent made of silicone oil as a main component, up to 65 %, (Abstract). The silicon oil compound are side-chain modified silicon oil and include, as for example, dimethyl polysiloxane oil, polyester modified silicone oil, amino-modified silicone oil ([0009] to [0013]). Taichi discloses the application of said contamination preventive agent to the surface of a dryer or canvas, however, Taichi fails to disclose the application of the agent to a press roll. Nguyen discloses a method of application a silicone containing oil (Diagram I, col. 1) as contamination preventive agent to press rolls (col. 4, lines 57-64). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made, to combine the teachings of Taichi and Nguyen, because such a combination would expand the application of the contamination preventive agent of Taichi.

***Conclusion***

3) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Halpern whose telephone no. is 571-272-1190.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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